



## REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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International Application No.

International Filing Date:

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**Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION**

Stackable carrier for growing material

**Box No. II APPLICANT**

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☐ all designated States

☒ all designated States except the United States of America

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**Box No. IV AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE**

The person identified below is hereby/has been appointed to act on behalf of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authorities as:

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**Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM**

The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:

Filing date of earlier application (day/month/year)	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country or Member of WTO	regional application: * regional Office	international application: receiving Office
item (1) 3 April 2002 (03.04.2002)	1020295	NL		
item (2)				
item (3)				
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item (5)				

☐ Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.

The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) (only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of this international application is the receiving Office) identified above as:

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ISA / EPO

**Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search** (if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority):

Date (day/month/year)	Number	Country (or regional Office)
3 April 2002	SN 39089	NL

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The following declarations are contained in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) (mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in the right column the number of each type of declaration):

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**Box No. IX CHECK LIST; LANGUAGE OF FILING**

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(a) in paper form, the following number of sheets:

request (including declaration sheets) : 4/5  
 description (excluding sequence listings and/or tables related thereto) : 11  
 claims : 4  
 abstract : 1  
 drawings : 8

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3. ☐ original general power of attorney :
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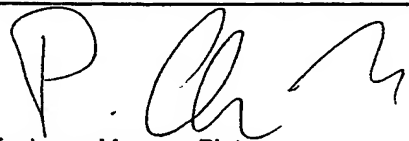
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## 1. TRANSMITTAL FEE

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